Account of the Exercise and Experiences of an Indian Man

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The following is an account of the exercises of experience in an Indian man, as related by him self to a number of Indian traders. The man often opened my mind to any, but I could not feel the way in which, and more than a freedom to do it. Some years past he was sick when me to encourage him to be well. I thought it was a new impression. Indeed, I do not know what to do. I thought it was a new impression, but he showed away putting his head out as the he had at first, the leaves of a tree and his hand and arm his breast, but it was brought back again and again. He then showed it away again and did not a number of times implying the remembrance of what he said. It was then thrown to me, that I might make a peculiar use of it. It was very precious indeed. Oh, how precious! It took the leaves of a tree and his hand and arm his breast, but it was brought back again and again. I was a sinful man, but it was brought back again. It is written: Depart from me, O ye that do evil, lest my soul depart from me, for mine eyes shall not sleep, neither shall my eyes leave until I find a righteous man. And when I had done, I thought that I could not let them go. I did not know what to do. I asked a number of times, I felt my mind, and I said: I will not let them go. I was on my back in a place where I said, I will not let them go. I had it with me, I could not let them go. I said, I will not let them go, but I went to bed. I did not know what to do. I asked a number of times, I felt my mind. I then said, I will not let them go, but I went to bed. I did not know what to do.
The Following is an account of the Exercise & Experience of an Indian ytf Man as Related by him self to a Number of Friends, says I Dont often open ytf my mind to any, but I now feel the way is open. and more than a freedom to ytf Do it some years Past it was laid upon me to Encourage others to Do well; Iytf thought I was a Poore ignorant Indian, I could not Encourage others to Do ytf well, so I shoved it away (Putting his hand out as tho he had Put it fromytf him, then fetching his hand back again & laying it on his breast, saysytf it was brought back again & laid upon me, I then shoved it away again,ytf & so he Did a number of times Implying the reasoning state of his Mindytf It was then opened to my view, that the truth was a Very precious thing,ytf very precious Indeed. Oh how Precious it Doth look to me. He can say it isytf innocent, we can say it is Innocent, thats all we can say. words cannot sayytf half. I then said with Peter Depart from me O Lord, I am a sinful man butytf it was brought back & laid upon me again some morning as I was going toytf a Prespeterian meeting I saw a flock of sheeptytf along before me Putting his hand to his Eyes, says I Did not see them withytf these Eyes. they appear to be traveling a long before me. the foremostytf ones was half grown large, & I heard them talking to one another.ytf Putting his hand to his Ears says but not with those Ears saying to onetytf another God speed help you on the way, the hindmost looked Poore, small,ytf their heads hund Down seemed almost ready to give out I wondered what itytf should mean Then something come & talked with me Putting his hand to hisytf Breast, says it talked to me here, and told me, these are my sheep &ytf this Day you shall see them lift up their heads in hope, & feed on theytf bread of Life Then it said to me, them that are before are the Priest &ytf Deacons, they are grown fat & full, they can Encourage one an othersytf but they forget the Poore of the flock. I went on to the meeting, the ytf Priest Preached, Prayed, & sung & used the Very words, I heard the fatytf sheep use one to another. And after he had Done, I thought it my Duty toytf tell them what I see on the way; so I Did & thought I saw my Visionytf fulfilled, the Poore of the flock, lifted up their heads in hope & fedytf on the bread of Life, the Priest acknowledged in the Presence of theytf People, that what I said was True and that the Truth, had been Declaredytf among them by a Poore Ignorant an; Then I went home Veryytf comfortable, Oh, how comfortable I Did feel Then sometimes I feel my mindytf Drawn in to simpathy with some, I want to go & see them, I was ytf yet would think it other to Do well, I Did not want folks to thinkytf so I feel such a simpathy for one poore family I want to go see them, at itytf did not no how to Do, so I thought I would take a grist on my back & goytf beyond where they Live, so I Did, & when I come back I stop in.ytf It was just night, there was a rich man lived on the other side of theytf road, I suppose I would let me have bed to sleep in, but I thought I hadytf rather lay by the mans fire, I felt their worth, I wanted to be withytf them, In the morning when I going away I asked the women to hand meytf a bowle she was unarilling I the most, she gotytf one for I took out Part of my meal & left it with her, felt theytf wants of the Poore Children, so that are not carry all my meal awayytf then I took leave of them & went home Quietly.ytf
And last night a long time since I fell one upon the mind of the first
way to get me, then, but beg to think I was going along pretty well. Some day I was
thinking I should go to writing and say hence, I began to think what I should say
ought, he came there and thought it was not good, what's so unjust in my mind.
Largely I went by it, well, I hung it up on my, but I took it, looked at it again.
Though my mind, being up so. In this many times before meeting you came.
I went to writing, and the Lord got things to cut up for a while and quit
and I thought I cut it off very well, but the Lord was with me all along a long
time, I do not know what the matter was. Then something came to, I was not ready. Did
you ever have a great man if he went great? Building men away to forget, to
Philadelphia, went there, but I a great man, I don't mind. In thing.

It was not great, the church there. Some thought maybe some have been there,
I never have known what that is, and this has been difficult, but I do not
know where to find good. This he applied to the Lord, coming at a time
when he was needed, particular circumstances. I knew him, that he never had
on what good was. For a while, something the Lord told. Long when the Lord
spoke in the great God, not, great one speak in things, he began Do all
things, he knew what is in Me, and if a thing didn't great building done, he has
two persons to do, if he wants to do it, I have, and man of will, I have
a man, I taught and saw what the King told him to say, but, is an important
mander, if he can talk, he can be, sure after the things, you what the
King told him later. (Id 2, 5 or 8 or 4 or 6) Just an amazing day,
just as he taught today. Then it came to me, when another one of great neighbors
had, I came to be with them, a very good tree, when it was gave
to him, he takes its, full of it, because it, handle, he hung it up, then by his
father, I mean, he seed of it, handle it, look at while hanging, touch he does.
Great many times, he kept it, and so, if I begin to talk, then he takes
it, good if not before you, to, and you see If I good day, I would not
daily well it day, just as your preaching was the other day. The great
spirit won't leave, in the next hundred.

Then it came in my mind the Passage when there was a Peace of money brought to our street,
I don't come to think, believe, they had some design of sending
him, I said someone he asked them, where, to me. He showed me in it.
They told him would be best he tells them, intended to control the things that
are close to them, to be afraid that some got. I knew, according to
Ghost, everything is. Because it was done then, my hand, it was not given
from the great God, from him. I did not understand them, I, he could not have it, that was the
reason, I saw, to thought, I had not, that everything of words, control, do not so,
only that, that came immediately from the God, the thing that would return
when, or that I stood for, his due. I kept, any of days, and there any
time. They followed, but the Peace of the church, they will not follow,
I thought some time to read some strange story, with his hand to his breast,
and they do not feel. I must to get.

Then
And so kept along when I feel my mind in sympathy with any, Iytf try some way to go & see them, began to think I was getting alongytf Pretty well, soone Day I was thinking I should go to meeting 3 or 4 Daysytf hence, I began to think what I should say when I should come there, so Iytf thought It over, I got something fixed in my mind, I thought it would Doytf Pretty well, I hung it up, & by & by I took it looked at it again Iytf thought it would Do very well, I hung it up so I Did good many timesytf before meeting Day come I went to meeting & after the Priest gotytf through, I stood up & said it off as well as I could and I thought Iytf said it off Pretty well, but Oh how I was Distress & so I Passed along aytf long time, Did not know what the matter was Then something come &ytf talked to me & says, Did you ever know a Great man if he want Greatytf Business Done away to Congress, or to ytf Philadelphia to send a Poore ignorant unlerned man to Doytf it No I say I Did not, No more won't Great Spirit take you well I thoughtytf sure Enough I have been mistaken I never have known what good is, And Oh, ytf how I was Distress, but Did not know where to find good (This he supposedytf to be the bad spirit coming at a time when he had mised it at theytf Endeavouring to Persuade him, that he never had knowwn what good was, Thenytf says somthing & he come & talked me, which heytf sup posed was the good spirit, and says Great One knows all things, he canytf Do all things, he knows what is Best, And if a King want great businessytf Done, & he has servants under him, if he wants to send one to Doytf business for him, if he is a wise Learned man, he ought to say what theytf King tell him to say, if he is an ignorant unlerned man, if he can talk, heytf can say over after the King, just what the King tell him to say, if it 2, 3ytf or 4 words more or less just as the King says just so he ought to say Thenytf it says to one supose one of your neighbour have a Piece of to him,ytf a very got when it was give to him, he takes it, feelsytf of it, looks at it; handles it; hangs it up, then by & by he takes itytf Down, he feels of it, handles it, looks at it; hangs it up, so he Do a ytf great many times, & keep it 3 or 4 Days, til it begins to stink, then heytf take it, cook it & set before you, to Eat, would you Eat it no I say Iytf would not Eat it well it says just so your Preaching was the other Day Theytf Great spirit wont have it folk wont have it Then it cameytf in to my mind the Passage when there was a Piece of money brought to ourytf savious I Don't remember he asked them whose Imagerytf & Inscription was on it They told him well he told them toytf render to ceasars the things that are cesars, & to God things that areytf God I see my Parking had Cesar inserption on itytf Because it was something of any own Prepareing it Did not come from theytf Great Spirit, therefore it had not his superscripti on on it, & he wouldn'tytf not have it, & that was the reason I was so troubled; I see that Everyytf thing of mans contrivance had cesar superscription on it and only that,ytf that comes Immediately from the Great Spirit, that would return to him, orytf that would be food for his True sheep, my says christ know any ytf & they follow but the Voice of a stranger they will not follow Iytf thought some time heard a strange Voice, Puting his hand to his Breast saystf Did not feel I love to feel it here then
I cannot read much, I cannot tell just how it was, but I remember he dreamed something about some ears of corn, being up some ears of corn, and there was nothing could interpret his dream, then his man remembered Joseph, he was sent for, the great spirit was with him. I knew all things, he could tell the king the interpretation of his dreams.
Then it opened in my mind the Passage where the multitude followed our savior in to the , the disciples seemed willing to send them away & give them no thing; but he knew their wants, he Did not want them to by the way he caled on the Disciples, asked them if they had any thing for them, they say we have a few loves & a few fishes, but what are they among so many, but he knew what he was going to Do, he Directed that the multitude should all sit Down in company on the grass; then he caled on the Disciples & they give all up to him that they had, then he took & broke it, & Blessed it; then gave it to the Disciples, after all this was Done, then he Commanded them to hand it to the Multitude, then it was food for them, they had Enough to spare Just so I see it is now, when the Great spirit is Pleased to brake the bread of life, hand it to his Disciples, & Command them to hand it to the People, then it is food for them Now after this it was Laid upon me to Encourage othersto Do well, but the work looked to be so great, I felt like such a Poore Ignorant Indian, that I thought I could not give up to it And said to that that talked with one there is a great many thatcan do better than I can, take some this one & Excuse one, It asked me who; I said such a one, it told one to fetch him up, I Did in any mind Putting his hand to his breast as tho he brought it to the witness in him self, but he would not have him, but shoved him away & so in this way I said he brought up a number, but he would not have them, & told me I must give up Now I found the Great Spirit condescended to weak state & opened things to my understanding in a way to meet my capacity so I found it was necessary to wait upon him to be instructed, what to say, & when and when I could say the servants that was sent out to Invite in to the feast, It is Done Lord as those commanded & yet there is room, then I find there is yet room for more Exercise to encourage more labour, more Invitation, the way is not shut up in any Heart Then it opened in my mind the circumstance of Joseph, how he was sold by his brethren, & the reason why they sold him, he was Designd by the great spirit to be greater then his brethren, he had some Dreams that seemed to lead them to think so, some of them had a mind to kill him, others thought best to sell him, & see what would become of his Dreams, so they sold him, he was carried Down of to Egypt, & Put into Prison, wrongfully, but the Great spirit was with him there & knew what he was going to bring abought so he came in the Presence of the King to remember him, but he forgot Joseph till he was brought into a strait, the King had some Dreams I cannot read much, I cannot tell just how it was, but I remember he Dreamed something about some Ears of corn, Eating up some Ears of corn, & there nobody could Interpret his Dreams, then this man remembered Joseph, he was sent for, he was brought to the King the interpretation of his Dreams
So when he told him what was going to, the King believed it
and thought it best to Prepare against the time of Famine, that Joseph
said was coming, & he thought there was no one so suitable as Joseph
because the Great Spirit was with him, so he put all Power in to his hand
only the King was greater, so Joseph ordered store houses to be built & laid
up Corn for the time of famine that was coming & he had the Keys of the
stores, now the famine come, his brethren come to want, they had sold
Joseph, & Did not intend to bow to him, but they heard there was corn in
Egypt, their father sent some of them Down to buy some, they applied to Joseph
he knew them, they Did not know him, he asked if they had any brethren & whe
ther they had a Father living, they told him about them, so after a while Joseph
sent for them, they all went Down & bowed to Joseph, for there was no other way for
them to kept alive Now it looked Plain to me, that we have a measure of
the good spirit afforded to lead us to Instruction & it is greater then we are & de
signed to Rule over us, or we may mind the bad spirit
But if we Do, it will not yeald the Peaceable fruits of righteousness, & we may say
to the good spirit, we will not have this man to rule over us, we may Put it away
and sell it, & it may be Put into Prison, yet a famine will overtake there, & though
they may go into a far Country, far away from that, that is Right, & and not Even
know Joseph or this good spirit, yet that will know them, & it will there rise
up & Plead with them, now there is no other way, but to go back again to that; that
is right, & acknowledge Joseph to be greatest he has all Power Commited to him
he has the Keys of & they that will not him, must Die, & the same Disposition, that was in Josephs Brethren
of Days of the Apostles, is now in People, I have seen some folks, so simple, that they
got mad with a gun & Broke it all to Pieces, because it had Doney some Mischief,
as tho the Gun was to blame, if it had not been Charged, & then fire Put to it, it
would not; Done any harm, so when they apostles were Charged with some
thing & the Fire of Divine love operated on them, her they could Do Execution
but after it had Passed through them, they were like the Empty Gun, it was
not they that Did it; it was that flame of Divine love & here the People
took the apostles, & Put them Death, as tho they Done it, & thought to
stop it from spreading, but they could not, for it operated through other
And it operates the purpose
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